

Position Vacancy

Commercial Specialist (Foreign Commercial Service)

OPEN TO: All Interested Parties
POSITION: Commercial Specialist (78101)
OPENING DATE: July 28, 2015
CLOSING DATE: September 7, 2015
WORK HOURS: Full-Time 40 hours/week
SALARY: Ordinarily Resident (OR) ¥12,290,037p.a.
(Position Grade: FSN-11)
Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR)
(Position Grade: FP- 4 / Starting salary will be determined by
Washington.)

All ordinarily resident applicants must have the required work and/or residency permits to be eligible for consideration.

Foreign Commercial Service of the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo is seeking a Commercial Specialist.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:

Incumbent is the Investment Specialist responsible for promoting foreign direct investment into the United States, and for providing SelectUSA training support for other LE Staff investment staff located in Japan and the Asia Region. The Senior Commercial Officer (SCO) is the first line supervisor. S/he will work actively on Mission-wide and Sub-Regional planning and activities, leading the development, implementation, and monitoring of investment and commercial activities and devise a comprehensive training program for regional LE Staff on successfully administering the SelectUSA Program across different Asian markets. S/he will work with the SCO to reach out to the Consuls General and their teams, as well as Principal Commercial Officers, to increase the scope of outreach. S/he may coordinate regional SelectUSA activities, providing counsel, support, and assistance to designated staff in the Global Market Asia region.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. Please see the "Tips for Applying" page on our website for more details: <http://japan2.usembassy.gov/e/info/tinfo-jobtips.html>

1. **Education:** A Masters' degree in business, international business, management, economics, marketing, finance, international trade, or international affairs is required **or** a Bachelors' degree in business, international business, management, economics, marketing, finance, international trade, or international affairs and at least five years of experience in investment, economic research, marketing, business management, trade promotion, or commercial banking.

2. **Prior Work Experience:** At least three years of progressively responsible experience in investment, economic research, marketing, business management, trade promotion, or commercial banking. A minimum of one year of supervisory work experience is required.
3. **Language Proficiency:** Level IV* (Fluent) English and Japanese. Language proficiency may be tested.
4. **Knowledge:** Expert knowledge of Japanese economy, industry and business in general, combined with detailed knowledge of some industry sectors; knowledge of Government of Japan organizations and functions; detailed knowledge of U.S. Commercial Service and SelectUSA programs and procedures; general knowledge of other USG agencies involved in trade and investment promotion; familiarity with corporate governance and U.S. laws against foreign corrupt practices; and in-depth knowledge of Japanese investment trends, business law and practices; familiarity with Intellectual Property Protection norms.
5. **Skills and Abilities:** To work independently with minimal supervision and to meet deadlines; above-average capability in identified languages for negotiating with government officials and top-ranking business executives; to develop, organize, and manage investment promotion events, including conferences, seminars, and webinars; to deliver marketing and persuasive promotional presentations to a business audience or individual business representatives, in-person as well as via teleconference; high level of proficiency in clear and concise writing of business counseling messages in English; ability to analyze and report on market information and statistics and develop and maintain partnerships with private sector entities.

* U.S. Government language standards. For equivalents in other standard tests, please see <http://japan.usembassy.gov/e/info/tinfo-jobtips.html>.

SELECTION PROCESS:

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed US Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

6. All candidates for employment must submit their applications in English by the closing date.

TO APPLY:

Interested candidates for this position must submit the following for consideration of the application:

1. Universal Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member ([DS-174](#)/read-only file); **or**
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (*see Appendix B*); **or**
3. A combination of both; i.e. Sections 1 -24 of the UAE along with a listing of the applicant's work experience attached as a separate sheet; **plus**
4. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional U.S. Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.
5. Academic credential (e.g., copy of transcript, diploma, or equivalent)
6. Language test score that is less than five years old (e.g., TOEIC, TOEFL, STEP, CASEC, JLPT, J-CAT, etc.)
7. Any other documentation (e.g., driver's license, certificates, [typing skills](#), etc.) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

Applications are available at <http://japan2.usembassy.gov/e/info/tinfo-jobs.html>

SUBMIT APPLICATION BY POST OR BY FAX TO:

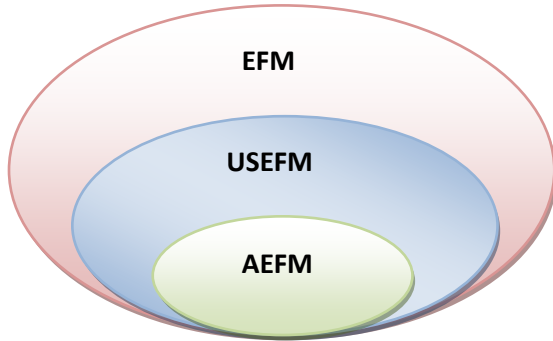
Human Resources Office, U.S. Embassy Tokyo
Address: 1-10-5, Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-8420
Fax: 03-3224-5818

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: September 7, 2015

The U.S. Mission in Tokyo provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity (EEO) in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

Appendix A DEFINITIONS



This diagram demonstrates how an Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM) is also a U.S.-citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) as well as an Eligible Family Member (EFM).

1. Eligible Family Member (EFM): An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#));
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

2. U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM): For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and,
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
 2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

3. Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM): EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- *Is a U.S. citizen; and*
- *Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#)) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and*
- *Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form [OF-126](#), *Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report*, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed *service* member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of mission authority; and*
- *Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.*
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity.

4. Member of Household (MOH): An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

5. Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (*OR*, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

6. Ordinarily Resident (OR) – A Foreign National or U.S. citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

Appendix B

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the UAE:

Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.

- A. Position Title
- B. Position Grade
- C. Vacancy Announcement Number (if known)
- D. Dates Available for Work
- E. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
- F. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- G. U.S. Citizenship Status (Yes or No) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (Yes or No; if yes, provide number)
- H. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- I. Eligibility to work in the country (Yes or No)
- J. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide
- K. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class / Type
- L. Days available to work
- M. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- N. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
- O. Education
- P. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
- Q. Language Skills
- R. Work Experience
- S. References